



BUY YOUR TICKETS For the WATSONIAN Holiday Party !!

When: **Thursday, December 7.**

Where: **Famous Pub in Toco Hills shopping ctr, Atlanta, GA**

Time: **4:30-8-ish pm**

Cost: **tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door**

Come join your fellow Watsonian members for a good time and some holiday cheer... That includes family and friends. Feel lucky on door prizes, see old friends, and new ones make a great time for all!

A few of the door prizes are:

Dinner for 2 at Monaco Restaurant

Dinner for 2 at Longhorns

Autographed books by Jimmy Carter, John Grisham, & Donald Brinkley.

Total Body Massage at your home

One day spa

Autographed books by CDC authors: Robert Emerson, Hodelin Rene, Anne Shuttleworth, & Dwan G. Hightower.

Holiday CD's by Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and others....

Several \$50.00 gift certificates.

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REMINDER: **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

**PRESIDENT-ELECT and RECORDER are up for selection.**

Reminder only *full and retired full*, and *lifetime* members are eligible to cast their ballot  
– Please return your ballot by **December 22, 2006.**

**Return your ballot by e-mail to Stacy Harper or**

**U.S. mail to: The Watsonian Society, P.O. Box 95032, Atlanta, GA 30347-0032**

**If you missed the ballot – please send an email to Rita Varga for a new one.**

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**WATSONIAN NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

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**COMMITTEE NEWS**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday DECEMBER 14, 2006 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Corporate Square, building 8, room 6B**

Call In: Toll free #: 866-732-9603, Passcode 873632

Executive Committee Meeting is open to all

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CONDOLENCES

FROM MASSACHUSETTES

It is with great sadness that I report that **Dr. Sylvie Ratelle**, the Medical Director of the Division of STD Prevention, died in the early hours of Saturday morning after a long and courageous struggle against cancer.

Sylvie was with the Division of STD Prevention for many years and was the founder and driving force behind the STD/HIV Prevention Training Center of New England, the regional member of the CDC's National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers. Over the years of its operation, under Sylvie's leadership, the Prevention Training Center trained thousands of clinicians and laboratorians in New England and around the country. Sylvie's tireless commitment to evidence-based and sensible public health practice provided a most valuable resource to the department, and the healthcare and public health community that will be difficult, if not impossible, to replace. She also had a considerable impact on the careers of many physicians-in-training through her work on the faculty of the Department of Family and Community Health of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the Preventive Medicine Training Program.

Prior to joining the Department of Public Health, Sylvie provided community-based STD, HIV/AIDS and women's health services in Montreal and on the North Shore. She received her M.D. from the Université de Montreal in 1979 and did an internship at the Hotel-Dieu de Montreal. While working at MDPH, she received an M.P.H. from Harvard School of Public Health in 1994 and completed a preventive medicine residency at UMass in 1996.

Sylvie Ratelle was a consummate and dedicated public health professional, with intense energy directed to work of the highest quality. She was a physician of great caring and compassion, and of great intellectual rigor. Her life and work touched many in many ways, from setting people on track to careers in public health to meeting crucial training needs for improvement in quality of care to unnumbered acts of kindness and concern to friends and colleagues, to cite just a few. She was hard to keep up with, but always stopped to listen. She was great on the details, but always got the big picture. She was always focused on getting the

job done, even during the last weeks of her life. She will be sorely missed by her many colleagues and friends across the state, region, country and world.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to her family.

A memorial service will be held in the next 2-3 weeks. Further information will be forthcoming.

Please pass this sad news on to those who worked with and knew this remarkable woman.
DeMaria, Alfred (DPH)

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**BABY NEWS**

Dave Crowder is a daddy again!

Debut of the newest Crowder baby girl! Born 11/14/06 - Makenzie Marie Crowder  
6 pounds 7 oz,- 17 inches long Mother and baby are home and happy.  
Reports are that she is welcomed by all the family members!

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MEMBER NEEDS LEAVE --GOT USE OR LOSE?

WHO: **Robert Small**
Public Health Advisor, NCHSTP
REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY
ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: September 11, 2006 through January 5, 2007
DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through February 4, 2007)
HOW: Submit an approved OPM-71 to your time keeper and latest earning and leave statement. Indicate name of recipient and the number of annual leave hours you wish to donate.

Have your timekeeper send them to the payroll office,
MSK-15, so that a record of donated hours can be maintained. Then enter the number of hours you wish to donate in TAS Net.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Barbara Myers
NOTE: The decision to donate annual leave is solely voluntary.
Thank you in advance for your participation.

NOTES of CHEER:

Many of you are aware that Bill Nichols recently underwent surgery to correct some problems he was having with his artificial hip. I want to let you know that the surgery was a success and he is already home ahead of schedule and recovering well. He still has a long road ahead of him with physical therapy and recovery, and I'm sure he would appreciate a card.

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**MEMBER NEWS**

Dear Colleagues,

I write to share with you news of my impending move on November 30, 2006. After 16 fruitful years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) working with an incredible group of dedicated professionals with diverse skills, I have accepted an offer from the International Association of Physicians with AIDS Care (IAPAC) to join their organization in Chicago II.

IAPAC is an international nonprofit organization that has been working in the field of international HIV/AIDS for many years to provide standards of physicians care in AIDS services available, and sustainable for women and men worldwide. I will be joining as the Director of Education working with their worldwide partners in expanding access to physician and nursing education development, improving provider performance, and strengthening the medical and nursing schools certification capacity.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you and learn from your diverse experiences. I have enjoyed working with you and will remember fondly the relationships that I forged with you and the wealth of knowledge and talent that you so graciously have shared at many a fora.

Good luck with your work.

**Cheryl Mayo**

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Candice Nowicki-Lehnherr, is currently serving as the SMO for the State of Georgia.

Lyn Almon, project officer for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases, will be leaving CDC at the end of November to become database manager for the Georgia Center for Cancer Statistics, at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mike Neal was a PHA from the early 1980's till he left his assignment in Cleveland for a position at the Pittsburgh AIDS Taskforce, which he later was Executive Director of. Mike has now been promoted to Executive Vice President of Field Operations with the American Cancer Society. Mike's new position and responsibilities are a natural evolution of his dedication to public health which naturally all began when he became a PHA. Some of the old-timers will remember Mike's mother, Peg Neal, who was a PH nurse at the Allegheny County Health Department where I spent 5 years

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#### **HAVE YOU HEARD?**

I am pleased to announce the selection of **Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H.**, as the new director of the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion (CoCHP). Dr. Toomey will begin this assignment in January 2007.

Dr. Toomey is already known to many. From 1987 to 1993, she worked at CDC in a number of key positions, including an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and an Associate Director in the Division of STD/HIV Prevention. Most recently, she served as the Director for the Division of Public Health at Georgia's Department of Human Resources from 1997 to 2005.

Dr. Toomey has led a distinguished career in the field of public health. After receiving an A.B. in biology from Smith College, she studied in Peru as a Fulbright Scholar, and subsequently attended Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health, receiving both M.D. and M.P.H. degrees. After completing a residency in family medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1982, she served three years as clinical director of the Kotzebue Service Unit with the Indian Health Service in Northwest Alaska. In 1985, Dr. Toomey was selected as a Pew Health Policy Research Fellow, studying at the University of California, San Francisco, Institute for Health Policy Studies. In 1991, Dr. Toomey worked in Washington as a legislative assistant on health issues for U.S. Senator John Chafee (R-RI), staffing the Senate Republican Task Force on Health.

An epidemiologist and board-certified family practitioner, Dr. Toomey has received many honors and awards, including the CDC Award for Contributions to the Advancement of Women and the Public Health Service Plaque for Outstanding Leadership. She was named to the 2000 Academy of Women Achievers by the Atlanta YWCA and received the 2001 Shining Star Award from the Atlanta Women's Foundation. Dr. Toomey was recognized nationally as the recipient of the 2003 Public Health Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians. She was the first recipient of the Recognizing & Encouraging Aspirations in Community Health (REACH) Award from Emory University School of Medicine in 2004 and was honored by the Georgia Public Health Association, receiving the 2005 Sellers-McCroan Award for strengthening epidemiology in Georgia.

I am pleased to welcome Dr. Toomey to this key position and look forward to working with her as she brings new leadership to the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion.

I extend a very special thank you to Ed Thompson, M.D., M.P.H., for serving as a special advisor for health promotion to CDC since December 2005. I also extend a special thank you to Michael Parvin, M.B.A., the Chief Management Official in CoCHP, who has helped lead CoCHP while we searched for a permanent director. Dr. Thompson and Mr. Parvin will assist Dr. Toomey with the transition to her new position.

I know that I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Toomey as she assumes this senior position at CDC/ATSDR. Please join me in welcoming her.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.  
CDC – Celebrating Our First 60 Years!

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CDC LEADERSHIP PROFILE: Meet Louise Galaska, 12/4/2006

Louise Galaska, deputy director, NCIPC and now acting CMO of CCEHIP.

Title: Acting CMO, CCEHIP; deputy director NCIPC

Responsibilities: “The CMO is the senior management position in CCEHIP and is responsible for improving business services, practices, and systems through effective and efficient strategic thinking, critical analysis, resource and performance management, change leadership, policy development, communications and coalition building.

“As an acting CMO, I have direct authority for all business operations such as fiscal, human capital, information technology, procurement, grants, facilities, property, security, and similar functions and assets. As part of the CDC Management Council, I will help govern and set the agency's direction for business and administrative services, strategies, and operations.” says Galaska.

First job at CDC: VD investigator (now called STD disease intervention specialist), in Chicago, identifying and counseling people who had been exposed to gonorrhea or syphilis and referring them, and their sex partners, for treatment.

Path to public health: “I went through undergraduate at Barat College outside Chicago, where I earned two BAs---one in history and one in American studies---in 3 years rather than the usual four, so it was a little intense. Then I started graduate school in history, but quit after the first quarter because I was feeling a bit burned out on academia and wanted to do something ‘real.’ “I never considered any aspect of health care as a profession, in part because I was squeamish about needles. But several months later, I saw a want ad for public health advisors in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The ad said that job applicants must be willing to relocate to Chicago and must have a liberal arts undergraduate degree. There wasn't a whole lot of demand in 1978 for liberal arts majors, so for a woman with a history degree, who was living with her mom in Cleveland, this was very appealing. When I applied for the job, I think the CDC job interviewers were just pleased to find someone who was willing to relocate to the high-cost city of Chicago, and a career was born.

“Working in Chicago’s health department, I found that I loved the job of working with people who needed my help. Talk about doing something ‘real!’ I loved talking with people and learning about their lives, and I quickly learned to respect the courage and character people could show under extremely difficult personal circumstances. And I loved solving the puzzles of trying to locate people when I had almost no information on them, and of putting the various pieces of information together—test results, exposure information, symptom histories—to identify a chain of infection and then stop it. I even found that I could overcome my fear of needles when the needles were sticking other people, instead of me!

“The longer I was with CDC, the more I learned about the power of public health to transform and improve lives. I spent about 15 years working in STD, HIV, and TB Control and Prevention. Then I spent 8 years working in NCCDPHP, and I have been with the Injury Center since 2001.”

Last book(s) read? “I read almost exclusively history and biography, though I recently started the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Known World*, by Edward P. Jones. I had to stop reading halfway through because its portrayal of antebellum slavery in Virginia was too powerful for bedtime reading, so I’ve set it aside for now.

“Right now I am reading a book, *1900*, which provides a snapshot of American life at the turn of the 20th century. I have read many books on Abraham Lincoln, including *Team of Rivals*, which describes his strategy of bringing a group of fierce political rivals into his Cabinet, and his amazing ability to knit them into an effective team to help him lead the nation during a time of crisis.”

Family: “My husband Pete, my son Nicholas and I live in Suwanee with our cat, Boo Radley. Boo is named after the character in the book *To Kill a Mockingbird* because she mimics his behavior!”

What are the top priorities you are working on? “As the acting CMO of CCEHIP, I’ll be promoting CCEHIP’s leadership development initiative, called ‘Growing Great,’ and supporting CCEHIP’s management effectiveness initiatives, among other responsibilities.

“Serving as the acting CMO also gives me the opportunity to work with and learn from people in the organization who I don’t normally have a chance to work closely with, so I am also looking forward to learning more about and engaging in the management, business, and administrative services strategies and operations for the entire agency.”

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**RETIREMENTS**

**Nancy Hendrix**, an Education Program Specialist with CDC Corporate University (CDC CU), Office of Workforce and Career Development, will retire on January 3, 2007. Employees and well-wishers are invited to join her in a retirement celebration on December 1, 2006, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Yale Building, Smith, Anderson and Bauer Rooms, Koger Center.

Nancy was employed with the Army Corps of Engineers in downtown Atlanta before she accepted a job with CDC in October 1991 in the National Center for Infectious Diseases, hepatitis branch. Nancy joined CDC CU in March 1998 as an employee development assistant and was the primary architect of CU’s first online pages and intranet-based course catalog. Nancy reports that her years at CU have brought substantial rewards and have allowed her to grow as a person by taking on duties and tasks that were beyond her realm of experience. She says that she has been fortunate to have had great mentors and coworkers who encouraged her to believe that she was capable of achieving anything.

Nancy has devoted 25 years to federal service, holding a range of challenging positions in multiple locations as a result of having traveled with her husband who was in the Air Force. She worked for the Base Exchange in Florida, the Navy Exchange in Naples, Italy, and then started her federal career in Dayton, Ohio as a clerk-translator-typist (GS-2), spending 6 hours a day

typing Russian into a cathode ray tube computer. Other fascinating places in which Nancy has had the opportunity to live and work include Hawaii and New Mexico.

Nancy received her Competent Toastmaster designation with the CDC/ATSDR Toastmasters Club, and served as a mentor to other members of the club. She is a former member of the Association for Professional Women and was co-chair of the hospitality committee. She received her certification as a training generalist and instructional designer/developer through Langevin Learning Services.

Nancy is married to Jerry Hendrix, and they have three married children and three beautiful grandchildren. Nancy and Jerry moved to Cave Spring, Georgia, in November 2005. Her friends believe that, although Nancy will be retired, she definitely will *not* be idle. After retirement, she plans to travel and work with Jerry around their Cave Spring property, read, sew, and enjoy life!

Well-wishers who would like to send remembrances, photographs, or other greetings may send them to Kelly Carr at mailstop K-04.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues of Ernie Austin,

ERNIE AUSTIN IS RETIRING!!!!!!!

This retirement party is meant to be a surprise! So, MUMS the word to ERNIE

Ernie began his career with CDC in 1963 working as a Venereal Disease Investigator for the Center for Disease Control's Venereal Disease Control Division. His assignments included North Carolina, New Jersey and Texas (just to mention a few) prior to coming to Memphis, Tennessee on October 20, 1991. Ernie quickly gained the respect of coworkers, supervisors, managers and health officials with his work ethic and sincere care for patients exhibited through his day-to-day activities.

An outbreak of syphilis and a lack of experienced staff in Knoxville resulted in Ernie's temporary assignment to the Knox County Health Department in early 1992. Soon Dr. Mary Duffy, former Director of Health in Knox County, requested that Ernie be permanently transferred to Knox County to provide much needed leadership and expertise to their existing staff. On June 14, 1992, Ernie was officially transferred to Knox County and served as a first-line supervisor for the existing staff. During this time he trained other personnel and developed the local capacity to provide supervision and leadership. By 1997 he had successfully developed the local capacity to provide direct supervision and leadership of Knox County's staff; therefore, Ernie's responsibilities changed to those of a consultant for the East Tennessee Grand Division. In this role, he has been responsible for the training of many disease intervention staff, and has assisted these regions with outbreak response and technical assistance.

Ernie has assisted the statewide and national efforts by assuming several temporary duty assignments in addition to the 1992 Knox County effort previously mentioned. In February and March of 1993, Ernie worked temporarily in Southeast Missouri in an effort to address significant increases in early syphilis. Similarly, he was instrumental in the 1999 effort to address the syphilis outbreak in Nashville. Both of these assignments resulted in letters of commendation and recognition from State and local health officials for his contributions. Just one year ago, the Fall of 2005, Ernie assisted the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department with outreach efforts associated with an outbreak of tuberculosis. As expected, his efforts in all these temporary assignments were frequently described as "exceptional" and "outstanding."

In recognition of Ernie's years of service to both Tennessee and the Nation, I am asking each of you to consider the following three requests:

1. Would you attend Ernie's retirement party?
 - Monday, January 8, 2007
 - Macaroni Grill, 7723 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, (865)691-0809
 - 5 p.m. gathering and beverages (seated for dinner at 5:30 p.m.)
 - I would like to keep this party a surprise, if possible.
2. Would you contribute toward his retirement gifts?
3. Would you contribute a personal letter of appreciation and recognition to a group of letters that will be presented to him the night of his retirement party?

I am asking the following people to serve as the coordinator for collecting contributions, gathering letters, and compiling a list of party attendees.

Sullivan County – Heather Wallen
NE TN Region – Jamie Swift
East TN Region – Rick Mothershed
Knox County – Aimee Pehrson
SE TN Region – Gayle Cross
Chattanooga/Hamilton County – Sandra Nelson
Upper Cumberland Region – Debbie Hoy
South Central Region – Donna Gibbs
Mid Cumberland Region – Vickie Schwark
Nashville/Davidson County – Dan McEachern
West Tennessee Region – Felicia Gray
Jackson/Madison County - David Argo
Memphis/Shelby County – Vince Glover
CDC headquarters, Other States and TN Central Office – Dan Burke

Thank you,

Dan Burke
Senior Public Health Advisor
HIV/AIDS/STD Section
Tennessee Department of Health
Cordell Hull Bldg, 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

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**SHARE Services to Help All Regular Employees**

**Cirque du Soleil 'Corteo'**  
**Location: [Atlantic Station](#)**

Thursday, January 18, 2007 From: 01:00 PM To: 03:00 PM  
Saturday, January 20, 2006 From: 04:00 PM To: 06:00 PM

**Web site: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/share/index.html>**  
(For details about this event)  
Contact: Diana Cronin

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NEW GAP Position Announcement Available - PHA -685 - Multiple GAP Countries

Global AIDS Program Employment Opportunities for Qualified Applicants

The CDC Global AIDS Program (GAP) is seeking highly qualified, seasoned medical and public health professionals with international experience to fill exciting and challenging positions in its international field sites.

GAP has highly trained epidemiologists, medical officers, public health advisors, behavioral scientists, and laboratory scientists working in offices in 24 countries, including all 15 Emergency Plan focus countries. Four regional offices in Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, and Southern Africa and GAP headquarters support an additional 31 countries including Swaziland, Mali, Sudan, Senegal, Russia and Lesotho. GAP assists with surveillance, laboratory capacity building, training and monitoring, evaluation, and implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs through partnerships with host governments, nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, U.S.-based universities, and the private sector to help implement the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply through the HHS Careers website <http://www.usajobs.gov> which lists all Department of Health and Human Services positions. If you have difficulty accessing or using the above websites, please contact hrcs@cdc.gov.

The following positions are currently available in GAP field offices:

1. Medical Officer or Epidemiologist GS - 602/601 - 15

Duty Stations: Luanda, Angola, Bridgetown, Barbados; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Georgetown, Guyana; Guatemala City, Guatemala; New Delhi, India; Windhoek, Namibia; Pretoria, South Africa; Lusaka, Zambia; Harare, Zimbabwe.

Incumbent serves as Chief of Party and Program Director for all GAP activities in the country of assignments. Plans, develops, implements, evaluates and reports on project goals and objectives through the Country Operational Plan. Coordinates all scientific activities and provides leadership, direction and support to the efforts of the medical/scientific and support staff. Designs and oversees implementation of targeted evaluations of new and ongoing HIV/AIDS prevention, care and/or treatment initiatives. Evaluates the data collection, quality control and data utilization methods used. Develops, modifies and implements evaluation protocols to monitor the degree of success achieved versus goals and objectives. Collaborates with and coordinates the work of scientists from participating universities, medical institutions, health departments, the Ministry of Public Health and other involved agencies. Provides technical assistance to collaborators on evaluation procedures and develops/modifies data collection instruments. Plans work to be accomplished, sets and adjusts priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work. Represents GAP, NCHSTP, CDC and the US Government at a variety of international forums and with key US constituencies. Develops and delivers presentations of current and planned GAP activities. Shares technical expertise. Develops and delivers scientific papers and other technical documents related to the GAP mission.

EXTERNAL Announcement Numbers:

Medical Officer, GAP Director, GS-602-15, Announcement # HHS-CDC-D3-2007-0034

Open: 11/09/06 and Closes: 12/08/06

Epidemiologist, GAP Director, GS-601-15, Announcement # HHS-CDC-D3-2007-0035

Open: 11/09/06 and Closes: 12/08/06

2. NEW -Public Health Advisor, GAP Associate Director for Operations/GAP Management Officer - GS - 685 -13/14

Duty Stations: Bridgetown, Barbados; Nairobi, Kenya; Kisumu, Kenya; Gaborone, Botswana; Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; Pretoria, South Africa

The Public Health Advisor in this position serves as the principal management and administrative person for all GAP program activities in the country or city of assignment. Responsibilities include administration and management, program planning and evaluation, formulation and implementation of policy and programs, management of resources, property, contracts, memorandums of agreement, and procurement activities. Acts with full authority in the absence of the Country Director on all matters involving nonscientific program operations and field activities. Responsible for providing program and operational support to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief with particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS prevention and related program activities. The position provides advice and assistance on the implementation, direction, and evaluation of the management of program activities funded through collaborative agreements and contacts. The CDC office consists of civil service, fellows, visiting scientists, behavioral scientists, data managers, and local project employees.

Public Health Advisor, ADO/GMO, GS-685-13/14, Announcement # HHS-CDC-T3-2007-0360
Open: 12/05/06 and Closes: 12/19/06

Coming Soon----Future Announcements include:

1. Medical Officer or Epidemiologist GS - 602/601 - 13/14

Duty Stations: Bridgetown, Barbados; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Georgetown, Guyana; Lilongwe, Malawi; Maputo, Mozambique; Windhoek, Namibia; Kigali, Rwanda; Kampala, Uganda; Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam

This position works as an integral member of the GAP office in the country of assignment; initiates, conducts, and coordinates complex HIV/AIDS epidemiologic program activities in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, its national AIDS committee, nongovernmental, multinational, and bilateral organizations; and provides medical and epidemiologic advice and consultation as a national and internationally recognized expert in HIV infection program areas.

2. Health Scientist – Laboratory Advisor GS – 101- 13/14

Duty Stations: Addis Abba, Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Kigali, Rwanda; Caribbean Regional Office; Maputo, Mozambique

The incumbent serves as GAP laboratory technical advisor on public health laboratory systems development including national reference, regional reference, hospital, and health center laboratories, networking and referral linkages, operational research, and all aspects of national laboratory quality assurance program to support HHS/CDC, GAP and USG/PEPFAR activities and host government. As an expert in clinical and public health laboratory science, the incumbent provides guidance on policy and programs affecting public health and clinical laboratory services provision for HIV/AIDS/STI/TB prevention, surveillance, treatment, and care programs. The position provides expert scientific advice to the Chief of Party, and partners on matters relating to formulating objectives, policies, plans, and organizational structure in the areas of physical laboratory structure and space issues, laboratory bio-safety, testing procedures and systems including the evaluation of new diagnostic technologies, quality assurance procedures, laboratory management and staffing issues, and the provision of training in all areas of laboratory activity. The incumbent conceives, organizes, and provides expert consultation to laboratory program activities that support GAP/PEPFAR programs and serves as the critical interface to the GAP International laboratory Branch at CDC-Atlanta

3. Public Health Advisor – Technical GS – 685 – 13/14

Duty Stations: Abuja, Nigeria; Lilongwe, Malawi; Kampala, Uganda; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Maputo, Mozambique; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

This position serves as a GAP Technical Advisor on HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) and Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control activities with primary responsibility for the planning implementation and management of one or more comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention program elements. These include technical program interventions in support of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) activities such as Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), Palliative AIDS care and treatment (CT), Information-Education-Communication (IEC) programs for vulnerable populations. The incumbent will plan and budget HIV/AIDS prevention program, develop prevention strategies, supervise and monitor program implementation and evaluations, identify program priorities. The position will work primarily with the host country government agencies and indigenous non-government organizations (NGO), US Government partners, U.S. and international organizations in the country of assignment.

4. Behavioral Scientist or Epidemiologist – 101/601 – 13/14

Duty Stations: Pretoria, South Africa; Lusaka, Zambia; Windhoek, Namibia

This position varies for each country, but generically serves as the GAP Technical Advisor, HIV Prevention/ Behavioral Science for CDC GAP and leads and directs an interdisciplinary team which manages programmatic intervention strategies, studies of the behavioral aspects of HIV prevention, and Public Health Evaluation. The position develops prevention strategies; supervises and monitors program implementation and evaluations; identifies program priorities; participates in the design and implementation of HIV/AIDS behavioral interventions; collaborates with scientists at other governmental and nongovernmental agencies or organizations to identify issues relevant to the implementation of behavioral research; assists in providing technology transfer of prevention research findings to community based and other organizations; prepares program announcements as needed. Oversees the work of cooperative agreement recipients implementing behavioral HIV prevention interventions; and participates in the preparation of the annual report and the annual Country Operational Plan for programming of President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief funds in collaboration with other U.S. government agencies working in the country.

Apply for the positions above through the HHS Careers website <http://www.usajobs.gov>. For more information on the jobs you may contact Ethleen Lloyd.

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**CTS GLOBAL, Inc.**  
**(a division of Comforce Technical Services)**  
**Position Vacancy List as of December 1, 2006**

**Senior Projects & Logistics Specialist, Tanzania**

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the Global AIDS Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tanzania. USG aims to expand services for HIV prevention, care and treatment to individuals affected and infected with HIV. The USG President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Tanzania is supporting several infrastructure improvements to support ARV

Services, Palliative Care (HIV/TB), Counseling and Testing, and Laboratory Infrastructure through the Regional Procurement Support Office in Frankfurt Germany. CDC Tanzania will be the in-country advisors overseeing, providing technical assistance and facilitating the planning, implementation, and management of these projects. The Senior Projects and Logistics Specialist will serve as a key contact and advisor for CDC Tanzania for the infrastructure improvement projects.

- Plan, monitor, and advise the CDC leadership on complex to very complex contracts supporting infrastructure improvements to ARV Services, Palliative Care (HIV/TB), Counseling and Testing, and Laboratory facilities.
- Identify and recommend resolution of issues, problems and complaints related to costs, schedule, performance and quality on contracted efforts.
- Advise, organize, and facilitate in-country team in logistical disciplines of project management, and logistics procurement, including construction.
- Provide advice on necessary actions to CDC COR, however, will NOT commit to any actions on behalf of USG.
- Provide technical assistance and advice on special projects and logistical management within a multicultural team environment.

The contractor must have: 5 years specialized experience in project management and organizational principles and practices. Facilitation and management of multiple projects, ideally related to infrastructure improvements, including contract management, planning, overseeing acquisition and logistics processes. All facets of project management. Principles and methods used in USG contracting. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

#### **Senior Laboratory Scientist, Angola**

Under this task order, the contractor will provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the Director of the National Institute of Public Health (INSP). Serve as a key advisor to the Director of INSP on programmatic, fiscal, technical and/or scientific issues for Public Health Laboratory services and supervises operations of the molecular biology laboratory. Analyzes laboratory processes and/or agency programs; with a primary focus on joint international collaborations on HIV /AIDS and Avian Influenza Initiatives. Communicates with colleagues, across Institute, and other contacts outside the agency to gather and analyze information about collaborative programs. Writes peer reviewed reports, letters, contracts, and other documents with recommendations for said research projects, policies and activities. Performs analytical and evaluative work associated with program activities and/or related operational research. Responsible for: Policy and Program Development, Carrying Out Study Procedures, Preparing Reports and Making Recommendations, Serving as a Scientific Specialist, Reviewing Literature and Develops Methodology

Contractor must have: Master's degree in Microbiology or Molecular Biology. **Level IV Portuguese.** Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above. **Please submit CV in Portuguese.**

#### **Senior Laboratory Scientist, Rwanda**

Under this task order, the contractor will serve as focal point for all technical assistance related to laboratory activities. Incumbent assures technical quality on laboratory services related to voluntary testing and counseling (VCT) and the assurance of safety of the blood supply, all HIV disease monitoring, CD4 counts technologies and molecular diagnostics. Incumbent builds laboratory capacity by instituting protocols for biohazard protection for laboratory workers, measuring and improving in quality control and quality assurance, and secures accreditation for relevant Rwandan laboratories from recognized international agencies once capacity is sufficiently built. Incumbent's role is strictly focused on providing in-country laboratory capacity to

achieve established PEPFAR goals; investigational initiatives are explicitly limited to those with obvious translational value for reaching PEPFAR goals.

Contractor **must** have: doctoral-level training (**PhD DrPH** or equivalent) in the health sciences and at least two years of post-graduate experience in a laboratory setting. Experience in the generation of laboratory data with epidemiologic or clinical value (i.e. in the context of a public health laboratory, hospital laboratory or oversight of laboratory informatics systems). Experience administering US government grants, contracts and cooperative agreements. **Fluency in French**. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

#### **Senior Program Advisor, Tanzania (Local Hire Only)**

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of Tanzania's influenza activities. Provide technical and programmatic assistance in support of influenza activities conducted by Tanzania in conjunction with other US Government agencies in Tanzania, e.g., the Tanzania MOHSW, Epidemiology Unit, the Ministry of Livestock and Development, and other in-country partners. Works closely with the AI surveillance officer in the MOHSW, Epidemiology Unit to monitor and assist activities, in conjunction with USAID supported surveillance activities. Advises on the implementation of a table-top simulation of Tanzania's influenza emergency preparedness and response plan with the National Institute of Medical Research. Updates the Strategic Information and Human Capacity Development Program Director

Contractor must have: **Masters in Public Health** with minimum of 2 years experience in infectious disease epidemiology with a working knowledge of virology, **with emphasis on influenza**. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

#### **Statistical Analysis and Data Management Oversight, Botswana (repost)**

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the HIV Prevention Research Unit (HPR). The primary objective is to provide contractor services & deliverables through performance of statistical analysis & data management oversight for the conduct of research. Collaborate with investigators in the design & implementation of research, including clinical trials, surveys, observational studies, & operations research. Provide management direction for all data collection, data management, and data analysis activities for HPR research. Provide management direction for system development, training, & maintenance, including all software used for data collection. Provide management direction in the design & implementation of data quality management procedures and reporting. Identify, characterize, and identify methods to resolve, and monitor resolution of, problems with: data validity, completeness, coding, timeliness, or data system efficiency. Collaborate with trial statisticians in preparing DSMB reports. Provide clean and complete datasets for timely analysis by investigators & statisticians. Operate data collection and management procedures in compliance with FDA Good Clinical Practice standard. Evaluate, guide, or implement possible alternative approaches to data collection and data management

Contractor must have: a **Doctoral** degree in biostatistics, statistics, or related statistical field. 3 years+ experience in a statistical leadership position involving data management for biomedical health research (clinical trials, observational studies). Demonstrated experience in development of computer software systems for data collection & data quality management. Ability to communicate statistical ideas in plain English & to work well with interdisciplinary research teams. High degree of competency in SAS, or similar statistical analysis software. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, & abilities listed above.

#### **Local Avian Influenza Surveillance Officer, Nigeria (Local Hire Only)**

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of GAP, Nigeria and the Avian Influenza Division. Implement

surveillance initiatives and recommends priorities to the AI Team Lead, Nigeria and the Nigeria FMOH for program activities. Implement surveillance-related systems in conjunction with FMOH, WHO, and other donors. Implement surveillance strategies to decentralize surveillance from the federal to the state level. Interact with individual state ministries of health to implement national plans for influenza surveillance at the state level. Define evaluation activities that can inform mechanisms for improving coverage and sensitivity of the IDSR surveillance system as it is rolled out for influenza surveillance throughout Nigeria in conjunction with WHO. Develop appropriate data management systems to monitor objectives and indicators for human AI surveillance activities. Represent Nigeria in the area of Influenza Surveillance and attempts to influence other collaborative organizations engaged in AI programs to adopt appropriate surveillance strategies for their program activities.

Contractor must: have: MBBS or Doctoral degree in Medicine or Epidemiology. Professional training and extensive knowledge in communicable disease surveillance programs. At least five years experience in the communicable disease surveillance programs at the local, state or international levels that entailed responsibility for the evaluation of program activities. Experience in use of measurement methods required for M&E of large populations and health programs, including quantitative and qualitative research. Knowledge of WHO's Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) is preferred. Fluency in Level IV English, both written and oral. Basic computer skills with experience/training for word processing and spreadsheets. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

**Local Avian Influenza Laboratory Specialist, Nigeria (Local Hire Only)**

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global AIDS Program, Nigeria and the Avian Influenza Division. Provide technical expertise to assess laboratory systems of implementing partner laboratories conducting avian or seasonal influenza testing for human surveillance. Evaluate quality and consistency of laboratory standards practiced, make recommendations for improvement, and provide the necessary technical assistance or training to implement these recommendations. Regularly provide laboratory support to the AI lab, including receiving, logging, testing and reporting results for specimens collected through rapid response or surveillance activities.

Contractor must have: MS degree or higher degree in Chemistry, Microbiology, or related laboratory science degree. Four years work experience in a multi-disciplinary hospital or health department laboratory. The incumbent should possess training in laboratory management and laboratory systems with specialized training in testing and viral diagnostic tests supporting related to viral isolation, and identification. Knowledge of advanced laboratory procedures, diagnosis and management related to viral isolation and identification. Skill in providing leadership, direction, and technical expertise in the laboratory systems to include being able to analyze and interpret the spectrum of laboratory medicine services related to viral identification. Possess basic computer skills with experience/training for word processing and spreadsheets. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

**Strategic Information Advisor, Cote D'Ivoire**

Under this task order, the contractor will provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of PEPFAR and GAP. Provide contractor services and deliverables through performance of high quality and sustained technical assistance in the development and implementation of strategic information (SI) systems. Provide technical advice and assistance to the Country Team Committee chaired by the Ambassador as well as to Interagency Senior Staff. This will include advice and technical assistance related to the SI domain and the overall planning for strategic information systems. Provide technical advice to SI team members in country (including surveillance, M&E, Health Management Information Systems, Informatics, etc) and help program staff ensure SI and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) requirements of PEPFAR are

met on a timely basis. The Advisor will assist program staff in responding to ad hoc SI requests from O/GAC. Provide technical assistance and advice in the development and processing of all SI systems required to support implementation of the Emergency Plan. This will require that the SI Advisor become very familiar with the Emergency Plan core indicator set and with the systems that will generate the required data (e.g. AIDS Indicator Survey, HMIS and patient tracking forms, ANC surveillance, facility surveys, databases, targeted evaluation methodologies, etc.) Work with project staff and other technical USG staff to help ensure adequate technical input for SI component of PEPFAR funded projects. Provide technical assistance in SI to USG staff and implementing partners including assisting with SI meetings and trainings. Assist with staff orientation and development and implementation of SI staff training. Provide advice on SI technical assistance needs and other SI issues, challenges, and questions to the USG staff, USG SI representatives, implementing partners and to Headquarters staff as appropriate.

Contractor must have: Masters-level (or higher) training in public health, epidemiology, demography, social or behavior science, information systems sciences, or related field. Minimum three years work experience implementing public health or other social sector programs in developing countries. Experience working with one or more international agency systems, including UN, USG, international NGO and conducting and implementing M&E systems in an international setting. Excellent communication skills in English and French. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

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